

## **Summary of Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday January 11th at 7.30.**

### **In Attendance**

All Councillors. Apologies. Cllr Alison Eastwood. Colin Wootton Tony Keatley.

The Chairman **Cllr Richard Fonge** opened the meeting asking all to remember for a moment **Mrs Eileen Roberts** of School street and **Mr Nigel Davies** of Towrise, who had both died since our last meeting.

### **Christmas.**

The Council on behalf of the village thanked all concerned for an excellent Christmas. Tree, float, windows, wreaths and Carol service, all a great success.

### **Gigaclear.**

The Chair Introduced Roision McTeggitt from Gigaclear. She outlined the benefits of their system and said installation would start in early April. They would be using Outreach trunking where available, but verges would be dug elsewhere to lay cables. A four month project. Questions were asked. The Parish Council have no say in this. Gigaclear have the right to decide to install their broadband system without any permission from the P.C.

### **Sulgrave Manor.**

No Report.

### **High Speed Rail (HS2).**

Cllr Staples reported that communication had deteriorated between HS2 and all parties. They are very reluctant to inform now. She said the Marston road was scheduled to be open by mid January!! She would be trying to get some more definite updates on this matter.

All agreed that HS2 were treating us with disdain. Suggestion that we should ask for a contribution towards Pocket Park equipment to be followed up.

### **West Northants Council.**

The Chair updated the meeting on two issues. We had paid Coeval last March for a speed sign for Magpie Rd but we're still waiting for W.N.C to put the pole in to fix it to. This was despite the best efforts of Cllr Priestman in his constant communications with them. Secondly the water running down Manor Rd. First reported in early November by **Cllr Powell** and by residents of Towrise. In late November the Chair had met with **Cllr Eastwood** who had written to Kier with the urgency of the situation. Nothing happened till further strong e mails were sent by the Chair and **Cllr Eastwood**, with action now being taken. The Chair also thanked a Towrise resident for their input into the problem.

### **Pocket Park.**

Clerk **Christine Coles** at meeting on Monday 15th January re a second quote for play equipment.

**Cllr Jen Castle** suggested Saturday February 17th at 10am, for Working Party for Park maintenance.

Council wished to thank Ian Cherry for trimming the boundary hedge and replacing the hanging post on the entrance gate for no labour charge.

### **Chronicles.**

Martin Sirrot Smith reported that the survey could not be used as less than 50% had responded. Aiming for April completion.

### **Precept.**

Agreed to increase by 5%. to cover extra costs.

### **Finance.**

Castle Green committee had closed their account of £362 and given it to the P.C where it will be ring fenced into the maintenance account of Castle Green.

### **Councillors' Reports.**

The Chair suggested a Summer event on Castle Green, headed up by the P.C but to include all clubs and organisations in the village. All agreed.

The Chair to write to all concerned and call a meeting with a representative from each organisation.

### **Open Forum.**

A resident raised the concern of sunken pavement by Sulgrave Farm. A danger when icy. Report to Street Doctor.

Meeting Closed at 8.40 pm